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The amendments filed 02/19/02 and 08/14/02 proposed amendments to the claims that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

All changes must be made vis-à-vis the patent and new claims must be underlined.

It is suggested applicant carefully review MPEP 1453 before responding.

Note that the petition decision of May 23, 2000 granted the correction of adding original claims 1-34 and states a copy of the claims was supplied December 14, 1999. The examiner finds no copy of original claims in the electronic file. Further, original claims 1-34 have not been addressed in any of the Office actions of the previous examiner or in any of the amendments filed by applicant. The examiner requires a complete claim set in response to this letter including original claims 1-34. Note the entire text of each of the new claims must be underlined and appropriate parenthetical expression "amended," "twice amended," etc., should follow the claim number. Also note that whenever there is an amendment to the claims, there must also be supplied, on pages separate from the pages containing the changes, the status (i.e., pending or canceled), as of the date of the amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

Applicant is notified that any subsequent amendment to the specification and/or claims must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). In addition, when any substantive Application/Control Number: 09/399,545

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amendment is filed in the reissue application, which amendment otherwise places the reissue application in condition for allowance, a supplemental oath/declaration will be required. See MPEP § 1414.01.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

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